

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20 and 25 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at paragraph [0075] of the specification and in Figs. 6 and 12. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge Applicant's claim for foreign priority and receipt of the certified copy filed on September 25, 2006 in the next Office Action.

Claims 13, 15 and 17 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c) for failing to comply with formalities. These claims have been amended responsive to the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 and 18-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,429,952 (hereinafter "Olbricht"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein the information contained in the pathname includes first information representing a file format of a plurality of file formats in which the image data is to be generated and second information representing a number of sheets of the original to be read, wherein the number of sheets of the original to be read can be set for each of the plurality of file formats." Independent claims 19, 20 and 25 have been amended to recite similar features. Olbricht fails to teach or suggest at least the above-recited feature of claim 1 and the similar features of the other independent claims.

Olbricht discloses a system for interfacing a browser and a scanner. A computer terminal 12 having a browser is connected to a scanning device 16 by way of a HTTP server 14. (See Fig. 1). A user enters an IP address or a URL address corresponding to the scanning device 16 into the web browser. The browser then retrieves an HTML format page from the scanning device 16. The page provides a graphical user interface by which a user may specify a set of configuration parameters for the scanning device 16. (See col. 3, lines 25-41).

However, in Olbricht, a user does not specify the parameters in a pathname designated according to a certain data transferring protocol. The user in Olbricht merely enters an IP address or URL corresponding to the scanner and later specifies the configuration parameters on the HTML format page retrieved by the browser from the scanner. Therefore, Olbricht fails to teach or suggest generating image data of the original based on information contained in a pathname.

Further, Olbricht fails to teach or suggest providing the first or second information of claim 1 in a pathname. Moreover, Olbricht also fails to provide any disclosure or suggestion of specifying information, in a pathname or otherwise, that represents a number of sheets of the original to be read, wherein the number of sheets of the original to be read can be set for each of the file formats.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 14, 15 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Olbricht in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0264832 (hereinafter "Baum"); claims 16, 17 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Olbricht in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,334,148 (hereinafter "Sandstrom"); and claims 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Olbricht in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,958,832 (hereinafter "Murata"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

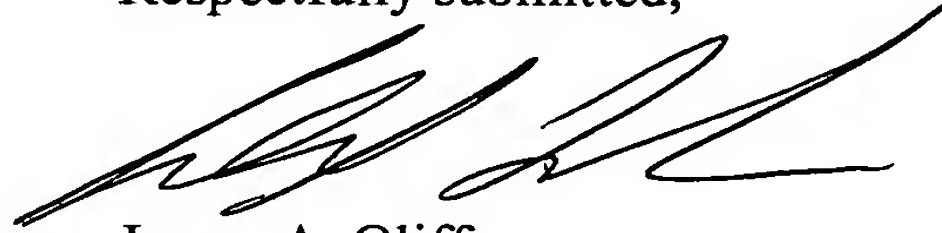
Olbricht, Baum, Sandstrom and Murata fail to teach or suggest, either alone or in any combination, all of the features of the independent claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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